REVOLUTIONARY
ACTION

Greetings Comrades,

What you are about to read is the program of Revolutionary Action, a recently formed collective of (surprise, surprise) revolutionaries. While the program is quite self-explanatory there are two points which will help you understand the context of the document and give you greater insight into its meaning. Firstly the words "socialism" and "socialist" are used throughout the document. There will undoubtedly be problems due to the broad meaning of this term. People from a huge range of political traditions have called themselves socialist. That is one of the reasons we have selected this word. Revolutionary Action believes that not one faction or tendency amongst the international revolutionary movement has a monopoly on the "truth" for the way forward. We wish to create an organization where individuals whether they call themselves anarchists, socialists, communists or whatever can come together to fight against capitalism. Within the boundaries that the collective explicitly believes, that the way to create a better world is through revolutionary workers' self-liberation, the greatest amount of pluralism and debate is encouraged. Secondly people familiar with the left will notice the brevity of the document. Many left-organizations define their positions in huge text books where every I is dotted and every T crossed twice. This brevity does not arise from the fact that we are just lazy and could not be bothered writing a thesis on Revolutionary Action's exact position, but more that we do not seek an exact position. The programs purpose is to create a common ground to work from, under the belief that frank open political debate within the collective will decide tactical and political questions as they arise.

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Aims:

The collective aims to contribute to the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism and the creation of a socialist society.

Methods:

1. The propagation of revolutionary socialism within the working class.

2. The creation of the broadest possible solidarity between already existing revolutionary tendencies and the promotion of debate around questions of organisation and revolutionary strategy.

3. To participate in and build movements that fight against the misery of capitalism on everyday issues affecting the working class. Within these movements the collective argues for internal democracy and militant class politics. For not only are these tactics necessary to win concessions from capital it is through this process of struggle that the working class is united.

Platform:

1. The overall goal of the revolutionary movement is a society based on the freedom of all human beings from every form of exploitation, oppression, alienation and violence. The first precondition for the creation of such a society is the destruction of capitalism and the establishment of socialism.

2. Capitalism is a society based on the

exploitation of the working class. The working class makes up the vast majority of society: consisting of everyone who must sell their labour-power to live.

3. The revolutionary working class movement must be built through resolute struggle against the ills of capitalist society and the privileges of the ruling class. Revolutionary ideas and a clear programme of action are essential to the success of this struggle.

4. The struggle against capitalism leads to the development of democratic bodies of workers' power: strike committees, community organizations and workers' councils. These types of organizations will be the basis for the development of socialism

5. The working class must free itself through its own collective action. Socialism will not come through parliament but through working class revolution.

6. The revolution must be an act of the workers themselves and not some "minority" on their behalf. Socialism must be pluralistic, multi-party and based on active, participatory and unlimited democracy.

7. Revolutionary groups and individuals should see themselves as part of the working class movement and not as leaders separate from and superior to it.

8. Capitalism is inherently racist, sexist and homophobic. It uses racism, sexism and homophobia to divide the working class and to subject sections of the population (i.e. women and ethnic minorities) to a situation of extra-exploitation and oppression. A genuinely revolutionary movement must participate in and support liberation movements of those oppressed by racism, sexism and homophobia.

9. Capitalism threatens the world with complete environmental destruction in its constant search for profits. This destruction will only end with the fall of capitalism and the construction of a socialist society based not on greed but democratically decided human needs and wants.

10. The capitalist system is international and so is the exploitation of the workers. Nationalism is a tool to divide the workers and make them sypathise with their exploiters. The working class of the world needs to unite and create an international socialist society.

Rules and Principles:

1. Collective meetings are open to all, however only members have voting rights.

2. Membership can be terminated by a vote of the collective.

3. In these rules 'a vote of the collective' is a simple majority vote at a meeting of the col lective.

4. The collective will not run tickets in union elections.

5. Members may be elected to administrative posi tions but these are instantly recallable and without privilege.

6. Membership is open to revolutionary socialists who agree with the rules and principles, are not members of any other political party or organisation and are accepted by a vote of the collective.

7. All members have the right to form factions. Such factions may publish their views both with in the collective and in public and in the case of minority factions the collective has a responsibility to assist them in publishing their views

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